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a book of the **E**neid after a few hours study. Did the poetry interest them they would be less successful. In India Mohammedan children will recite chapter after chapter of the Koran in a language (Arabic) with which they are entirely unacquainted.

Recollections of the second class are connected by points of contact, which arise out of purely accidental properties, but are sufficiently strong in the case of trivial minds to disarrange the sequence in which the original impressions were received. The recollections are linked (in the language of psychology) by "contiguity." Memories which function in this manner are admirably illustrated by the conversations of Mrs. Nickleby. Persons who are afflicted with them are unable to keep to the point, or leading interest, of an anecdote, but wander from one side issue to another in a manner which to listeners is intolerably boring.

Recollections of the third class are strung together by resemblances that arouse emotional interest. This process is termed "memory by association." My attention is suddenly aroused by an emotion of fear, which has been suggested by the subconscious recollection of a fall from my bicycle. Thence onward there pass before me the church I was on my way to visit, my opinion of its architecture, a tour in France in the course of which I saw a church of similar style, an inter-

esting conversation with the cure of
the parish. a
regret that I was not taught French
more effi-
ciently at school, and a recollection of
recent
correspondence in the newspapers
regarding the
respective educational advantages of
classical and
modern languages. Each recollection
is connec-
ted with its predecessor by a link of
emotional
interest: and the more emotional
interests a man
possesses the more varied, the more
suggestive,